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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of John Squibb, PhD of Chatham, formerly of Mount Vernon, who passed away on April 3, 2026; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Squibb, the son of John William and Venita Christine (Hamlin) Squibb, was born in Seminole, Oklahoma on November 26, 1942; he earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in history and political science from Southern Illinois University Carbondale and his doctorate in American constitutional history and law from the University of Wisconsin - Madison; he married Mary Lou Rios in Springfield on October 15, 1994, and she preceded him in death on September 23, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Squibb was a history and political science professor at Lincoln Land Community College (LLCC) and the University of Illinois Springfield, formerly Sangamon State University, from 1970-2007, returning to LLCC soon after to work as an adjunct instructor for 12 years; in his time at LLCC, he served as Social Science Division chairperson and was a member of the union, working for improved benefits, conditions, and pay; he taught thousands of students and maintained long-term friendships with many, and his colleagues made an indelible impression on him with their dedication,

1 talents, and commitment to higher education and learning; and

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Squibb was admired for his teaching skills
3 and classroom humor, receiving honors that included the
4 Western Illinois Most Inspirational Teacher Award in 2000,
5 multiple selections as a finalist for the Drs. Raymond and Ann
6 Pearson Master Teacher Award, the Master Teacher Award in
7 2002, and the National Institute for Staff Organization and
8 Development Teaching Excellence Award; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Squibb attended Cherry Hills Baptist Church;
10 he loved attending spring training baseball games with family
11 in Arizona and watching Boston Red Sox baseball and Wisconsin
12 Badgers basketball and football; he enjoyed reading and being
13 with his pets, most recently his twin Yorkshire terriers, and
14 he missed spending time with his late wife most of all; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Squibb was preceded in death by his parents
16 and his brother, William C. Squibb; and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Squibb is survived by his daughters, Tanum
18 (Enrique) Smith and Tanya Smith; his son, Brad (Dawn) Squibb;
19 his grandchildren, Eric Smith, Allison (Zeke) Rowe, Connor
20 (Abigail) Smith, Jim Pounds, Royal Squibb, Peyton Bryant, and
21 Alexis Bryant; and his great-grandchildren, Rylee Rowe and
22 Wyola Wynn; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
3 John Squibb, PhD and extend our sincere condolences to his
4 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
5 further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to the family of Dr. Squibb as an expression of our
8 deepest sympathy.